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Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures during a press conference in Jerusalem, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Netanyahu says his government has not yet worked out its differences with the U.S. over Israeli construction in disputed east Jerusalem.

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This March 11, 2008, file photo shows tennis great Martina Navratilova speaking at a news conference in Tokyo. A report says tennis great Martina Navratilova has been diagnosed with breast cancer and that her prognosis is said to be excellent.

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Opposition politician Irina Karamushkina, of the SDPK, Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan, addresses a group of people in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Police in Kyrgyzstan opened fire on thousands of angry protesters who tried to seize the main government building amid rioting in the capital as protests spread across the Central Asian nation.

Associated Press

Uprising in Kyrgyzstan leaves dozens killed

PETER LEONARD

Associated Press Writer

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — Opposition leaders declared they had seized power in Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday, taking control of security headquarters, a state TV channel and other government buildings after clashes between police and protesters left dozens dead in this Central Asian nation that houses a key U.S. air base.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, who came to power in a similar popular uprising five years ago, was said to have fled to the southern city of Osh, and it was difficult to gauge how much of the impoverished, mountainous country the opposition controlled.

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Anxious relatives await word on mine rescue



Massey Energy workers Maurice Blanchette, Jimmy Shortridge, Brandon Waddell and Andrew Lucas, from left to right, take a break from drilling efforts Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Montcoal, W.Va. The 560ft rotary drill which is 6in in diameter is the second hole drilled in an effort to release gas from the area where miners are believed to be trapped.

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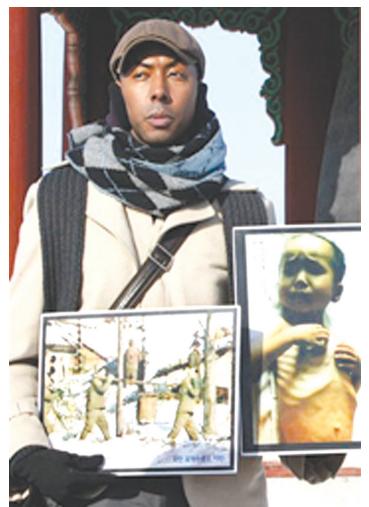
Associated Press Writers
MONTCOAL, West Virginia (AP) — High levels of dangerous methane gas made it impossible for rescuers to venture inside a coal mine Wednesday to search for possible survivors of an explosion that killed 25 workers.

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Boston man gets 8 years' hard labor in North Korea

In this file photo taken on Jan. 12, 2010, American Aijalon Mahli Gomes, whose identification was made by Seoul-based activist Jo Sung-rae, participates in a rally organized by Jo denouncing North Korean's human rights conditions at the Imjingak Pavilion, near the demilitarized zone (DMZ) of Panmunjom that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, in Paju, South Korea.

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FBI arrests man for alleged Pelosi threats

arrested Wednesday at his San Francisco home, said Joseph Schadler, spokesman for the FBI's San Francisco office. Schadler would not disclose the charges against Giusti, saying they were under seal until his first appearance before a federal magistrate, scheduled for Thursday.

The arrest came a day after a Washington state man was arrested for allegedly leaving threatening voicemails for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, and as other Democratic lawmakers have faced vicious verbal attacks over their support of the historic health care overhaul.

Several federal officials said Giusti made dozens of calls to Pelosi's homes in California and Washington, as well as to her husband's business office. They said he recited her home address and said if she wanted to see it again, she would not support the health care overhaul bill that since has been enacted.

One official said the man is believed to have spoken directly with Pelosi at least once.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

Giusti has been in trouble previously for making threats. In 2004, he pleaded no contest in San Mateo County, just south of San Francisco, to a felony charge of making criminal threats and was sentenced to a year in jail and three years of supervised probation.

The 2004 arrest occurred on a commuter train after Giusti was kicked off for not paying his fare, Steve Wagstaffe, chief deputy district attorney for San Mateo County, said. Giusti became enraged, started screaming and threatened to kill the conductor, who called in the sheriff, Wagstaffe said. A statement from Pelosi's

spokesman Wednesday praised the efforts of law enforcement and said the House Speaker would have no further comment "at this time."

On Tuesday, Pelosi told reporters in San Francisco that "people have been active in expressing their disagreement." Sometimes those expressions have risen "to the level of threats or violence," she said, explaining that she was not allowed to comment on her own situation.

Rose Riggs, a neighbor of Giusti in a public housing complex in the city's Tenderloin district, said she saw two plainclothes and two uniformed officers take him away in zip-tie cuffs. Riggs, 62, said Giusti was known for engaging in heated political debates with others in the building.

"He was not one of my favorite people. He had a real attitude problem," she said.

Neighbor Greg Little, 53, said he also saw officers take Giusti away.

"He was real quiet when they took him out. He wasn't combative," Little said.

Sister Lorna Walsh, community operations manager of the Mercy Housing complex where Giusti lives, said he had lived in the subsidized housing for almost 10 years. She would not comment further.

On Tuesday, federal authorities in Washington state announced charges against Charles Alan Wilson, 63, for allegedly made threatening calls to Murray. Officials

said he left voicemails for the senator, including ones in which he's accused of saying "there's a target on your back now" and "it only takes one piece of lead."

Charges also have been filed against a Philadelphia man who allegedly made a YouTube video threatening Rep. Eric Cantor. □

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi talks about health care reform during a news conference after she spoke to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California man angry about health care reform allegedly made threatening and harassing phone calls to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, including at least one call in which he got through and spoke to her directly, law enforcement officials said.

Gregory Lee Giusti, 48, was



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MINE RESCUE

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Crews drilled holes to release the gas, but by late Wednesday afternoon the levels were still far too high for searchers to safely enter the Upper Big Branch mine to look for four people still missing in the worst U.S. mining accident in more than two decades.

Workers planned to drill another hole so they could lower a camera into a rescue chamber to see if anyone was inside, Kevin Stricklin of the Mine Safety and Health Administration said at a briefing Wednesday. He said relatives of those in the mine backed the decision to hold off on sending in rescue crews for now.

"We've asked the families to be patient," Stricklin said. The disaster at the mine, which is owned by Massey Energy Co., has brought new scrutiny for Massey, which has been repeatedly cited for problems with the system that ventilates highly combustible methane gas. The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration on Wednesday appointed a special team of investigators to look into the blast, which officials said may have been caused by a build up of methane.

Like many other mine operators, Massey frequently sidesteps hefty fines by aggressively appealing safety violations at the mine, according to an Associated Press analysis of mine safety records.

Rescuers hoped the four miners might somehow have reached a chamber where they could survive for four days, though they acknowledged the odds were against them. They banged on a drill pipe for about 15 minutes after the first hole was complete but got no response.

Family members could do little but wait.

"They know the odds are not in our favor because of the horrific nature of the horrendous blast that we had," Gov. Joe Manchin said at a briefing Wednesday morning.

Alice Peters said she was told her 47-year-old son-in-law,

Dean Jones, was among the missing, though Massey said Wednesday it does not know which four miners might be alive.

Seven bodies were pulled out after the explosion, and two miners were hospitalized. Manchin said Wednesday that one was doing well and the other was in intensive care.

Eighteen bodies remained in the mine, but emergency workers were only able to identify four before poisonous gas forced them out Monday.

Peters said Jones' wife, Gina, has been at the mine site since the explosion and will not leave.

"She's not doing too good," Peters said. "They told them to go home because they weren't going to let the mine rescuers back in. They're still drilling."

It was not clear how long it would take to vent enough methane so rescuers can enter the mine, but once they do it could take less than two hours for a team to get far enough inside to check for survivors, depending on conditions, said Kevin Stricklin, a Mine Safety and Health Administration official. They would be about 1,000 feet (305 meters) below the surface, and at least a mile-and-a-half from the entrance.

The quality and quantity of coal produced at Upper Big Branch make the mine one of gems of Massey's operation.

The mine produced more than 1.2 million tons of coal last year and uses the lowest-cost underground mining method, making it more profitable. The mine produces metallurgical coal that is used to make steel and sells for up to \$200 a ton — more than double the price for the type of coal used by power plants.

Congressman Nick Rahall, a Democrat whose district includes the mine, said Wednesday that at least three Upper Big Branch miners had come to him since the explosion to say they were concerned about methane levels.

"The feelings were that they



A large drill and fan, left, work above Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Coal Mine Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Montcoal, W.Va. The 560ft rotary drill which is 6in in diameter is the second hole drilled in an effort to release gas from the area where miners are believed to be trapped.

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were not walking into a safe working environment," he said. They asked that their identities be kept secret because they feared losing their jobs.

Federal regulators probing the explosion plan to review Massey's safety violations, many of which involved venting methane gas. If the odorless, colorless gas is not kept at safe levels, a small spark can ignite it.

Massey is still contesting more than a third of all its violations at the Montcoal, West Virginia, mine since 2007. In the past year, federal inspectors have proposed more than \$1 million in fines for violations at the mine. Only 16 percent have been paid.

The death toll in Monday's explosion was the highest in a U.S. mine since 1984, when 27 people died in a fire at Emery Mining Corp.'s mine in Orangeville, Utah. If the four missing bring the total to 29, it would be the most to die in a U.S. coal mine since a 1970 explosion killed 38 at Finley Coal Co. in Hyden, Kentucky.

Searchers who enter the mine would have to navigate in the darkness around debris from structures shattered by the explosion and around sections of track that were "wrapped like a pretzel," said Stricklin, the federal mine administrator.

"There's so much dirt and

dust and everything is so dark that it's very easy, as hard as it may seem to any of us outside in this room, to walk by a body," Stricklin said.

Though the situation looked bleak, the governor pointed

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Obama seeks new tone in outreach to world Muslims



In this June 4, 2009, file photo, President Barack Obama addresses an audience at the Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt Thursday, June 4, 2009. Since Obama's speech to the Muslim world in Cairo last year, the White House has changed not just how it talks to Muslim nations but also what it talks about, shifting away from terrorism and focusing instead on health care, science and education.

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Less talk about "Islamic radicalism" and a lot more about doing business. In the year since President Barack Obama pledged a new beginning in the relationship with the world's Muslims, the White House has begun to change the U.S. focus.

Terrorism still dominates U.S. security priorities, but the White House believes it

does not have to dominate the conversation. Since Obama's speech in Cairo, Egypt, last year, the White House has tried to talk more about health care, science and education. It is a strategy based on the belief that the prior administration viewed the world through the lens of terror. When it talked to Muslim nations, it was all about winning the war of ideas.

"You take a country where the overwhelming majority are

not going to become terrorists, and you go in and say, 'We're building you a hospital so you don't become terrorists.' That doesn't make much sense," National Security Council staffer Pradeep Ramamurthy said.

Ramamurthy runs the administration's Global Engagement Directorate, a four-person National Security Council team that Obama launched last May with little fanfare and a vague mission to use diplomacy and outreach "in pursuit of a host of national security objectives." Since then, the division has not only helped change the vocabulary of fighting terrorism but has shaped the way the country invests in Muslim businesses, studies global warming, supports scientific research and combats polio.

Obama advisers also are rewriting the document that spells out the country's national security strategy and plan to leave out references to "Islamic radicalism," counterterrorism officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the document still is being written and is weeks away from release. Currently, the document declares: "The struggle against militant Islamic radicalism is the great ideological conflict of the early years of the 21st century." Now, before diplomats go abroad, they hear from the Ramamurthy or his deputy, Jenny Uriar. When officials from the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration returned from Indonesia, the NSC got a rundown about research opportunities on global warming. Ramamurthy maintains a database of interviews conducted by 50 U.S. embassies worldwide. Business leaders from more than 40 countries head to Washington this month for an "entrepreneurship summit" for Muslim businesses.

"Do you want to think about the U.S. as the nation that fights terrorism or the nation you want to do business with?" Ramamurthy said.

Many international Muslim leaders have cheered the new tone, not just for its symbolism but because it makes it politically easier for them to cooperate with the United States.

"It's also a clear indication of President Obama's substantial understanding of the intricacies of Muslim politics," Jordanian lawmaker Hamada Faraaneh said.

On Wednesday, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh praised indications that the Obama administration would keep religious rhetoric out of the U.S. security strategy.

"It is a good message of assurance, and differs from the former American administration's position on this matter which showed no real understanding of Islamic countries," al-Dabbagh said. "This decision by Obama will help to reform the image

Muslims have of America." Public opinion polls have shown consistent improvement in sentiment toward the United States among Muslims, although the viewpoints remain overwhelmingly negative.

To deliver his message, Obama's speechwriters have at times taken inspiration from former President Ronald Reagan. Speaking in communist China in 1984, Reagan spoke about education, space exploration and scientific research. He discussed freedom and liberty.

He never mentioned communism or democracy.

"They didn't look up to the U.S. because we hated communism," said Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes, Obama's foreign policy speechwriter.

Like Reagan in China, Obama in Cairo made only passing references to terrorism. Instead he focused on cooperation. He announced the United States would team up to fight polio with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, a multinational body based in Saudi Arabia. The United States and OIC had worked together before, but never with that focus.

"President Obama saw it as an opportunity to say, 'We work on things far beyond the war on terrorism,'" World Health Organization spokeswoman Sona Bari said.

Polio is endemic in three Muslim countries — Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan — but some Muslim leaders have been suspicious of vaccination efforts, which they believed to be part of a CIA sterilization campaign. Last year, the OIC and religious scholars at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy issued a fatwa, or religious decree, that parents should have their children vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also began working more closely with local Islamic leaders in northern Nigeria, a network that had been overlooked for years, said John Fitzsimmons, deputy director of the CDC's immunization division. □

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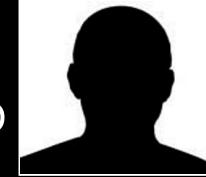


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Thai PM declares state of emergency in Bangkok



Anti-government protesters kick at a security guard at Parliament in Bangkok, Thailand, on Wednesday April 7, 2010. Thai TV has reported that anti-government protesters have broken into the Parliament building after lawmakers aborted their session, with some of the legislators scaling a wall to escape.

Associated Press

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BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's beleaguered prime minister declared a state of emergency Wednesday to quell weeks of paralyzing protests costing businesses tens of millions of dollars. But the

demonstrators championing the rights of the rural poor remained uncowed, and it was unclear if the showdown can end without violence. The move by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva came after mostly peaceful protests turned chaotic when demonstrators

burst into parliament and forced lawmakers to flee on ladders over a back wall, with senior officials hastily evacuated by helicopter.

Wednesday's chaos was a continuation of the long-running battle between partisans of the country's former leader — Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by a 2006 military coup — and those who oppose him. Thaksin was accused of corruption and showing disrespect to the country's revered monarch. The demonstrators, called the Red Shirts for the attire they wear, benefited from Thaksin's populist policies such as cheap health care and village loans. They have demanded that Abhisit dissolve parliament within 15 days and call new elections, claiming he took office illegitimately in December 2008 with the help of military pressure on parliament.

Instead, the prime minister has offered to do so by the end of the year.

Protesters have camped out in Bangkok since March 12, ignoring court orders and a massive security presence.

Abhisit has become the target of harsh criticism for failing to take strong measures to end the disruptive demonstrations. He has entered negotiations with the Red Shirts and ordered security forces pull back from possible confrontations.

Several shopping malls have closed and luxury hotels put under virtual siege since Saturday, when demonstrators moved to a busy intersection at the heart of Bangkok's commercial district.

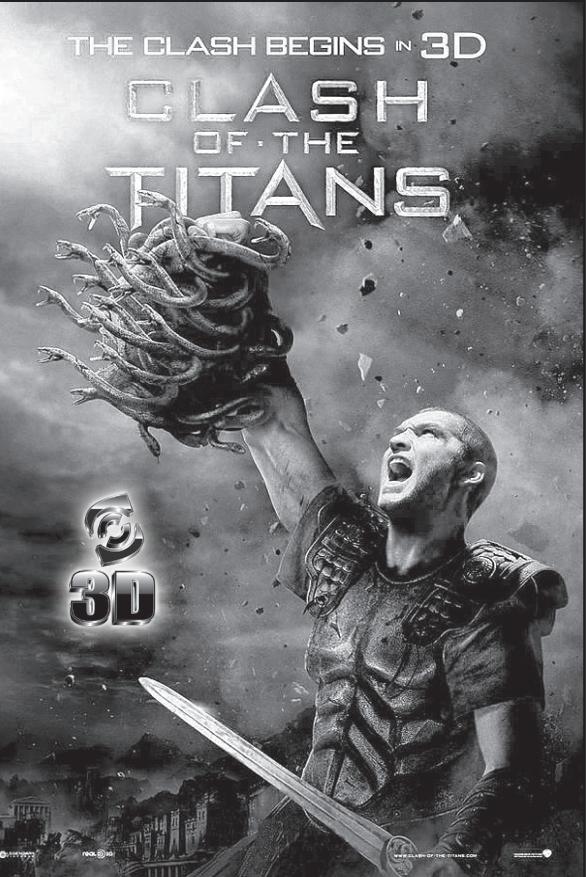
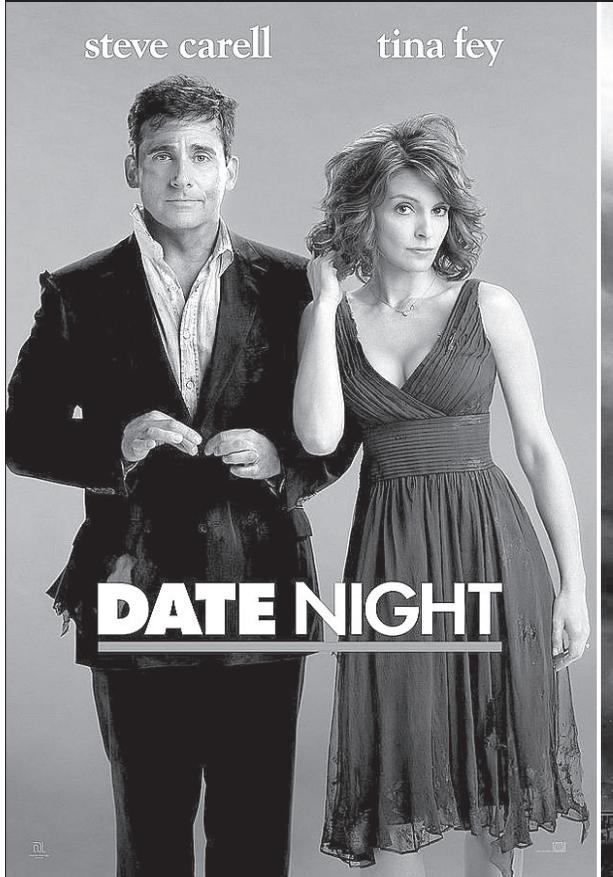
Merchants have complained the boisterous demonstrations have cost billions of baht (tens of millions of dollars), and economists have expressed concern continuing protests

will hurt the GDP. Abhisit, in a televised broadcast that interrupted regular programming, said the aim of the emergency decree was to restore normalcy to Bangkok, and prevent "further related crime and disaster." "I want you to understand and stop taking part in any illegal demonstration," the prime minister told the protesters. The state of emergency decree allows "the performing of an act to the extent that is necessary to maintain the security of the State, the safety of the country or the safety of the people." Security officials can detain suspects without charge for up to 30 days. However, the effectiveness of the decree is debatable. Although it gives the military greater powers to restore order, both Abhisit and the army know a crackdown could result in bloodshed that would be political poison. □



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Israel, U.S. have not settled east Jerusalem spat

MATTI FRIEDMAN,
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister acknowledged Wednesday that his government has not yet ironed out its differences with the U.S. over Israeli construction in east Jerusalem, a dispute that has stalled American efforts to restart Mideast peace talks. Benjamin Netanyahu said both countries are still working to find a way out of the impasse, but staunchly defended his government's contentious settlement plans in the disputed holy city — which lie at the heart of the spat — calling them a long-standing Israeli policy.

"There are things we agree on, things we don't agree on, things we are closing the gap on," Netanyahu said of his talks with Washington. "We are making an effort."

The worst crisis in U.S.-Israeli ties in years erupted

last month when Israel announced plans to build 1,600 new homes for Jews in east Jerusalem during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden, drawing sharp condemnation from Washington and calls to cancel the construction. The announcement also derailed U.S.-mediated indirect peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians just before they were slated to start. The Obama administration has pressured Israel to halt construction in Jewish neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, the section of the holy city Palestinians claim as the capital of a future state. Washington has also pushed for a broader building freeze in Jewish settlements in the West Bank. In November, Netanyahu agreed to a 10-month freeze on most West Bank construction in order to get peace talks started, but refused to include east

Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in 1967 and considers part of its capital. The prime minister dismissed talk of a crisis with Washington and accused the media of blowing the disagreement out of proportion — despite the tension in U.S.-Israeli ties. "What is being published doesn't fit what we are talking about," he said. "Apparently the discussion between us is more serious and more to the point than what is generally believed." The Palestinians — who are wary of Netanyahu and his hawkish coalition partners — have refused to restart direct negotiations until Israel halts all construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. The Palestinians claim those territories, along with the Gaza Strip, for their future state. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas did agree last month to indirect talks, however, but backed



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures during a press conference in Jerusalem, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Netanyahu says his government has not yet worked out its differences with the U.S. over Israeli construction in disputed east Jerusalem.

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off after Israel announced the new construction plans in east Jerusalem. Netanyahu, speaking on the anniversary of his first year in power, blamed the Palestinians for the delay in indirect negotiations, saying the Palestinians "simply climbed up the tree on the first day (of talks) and



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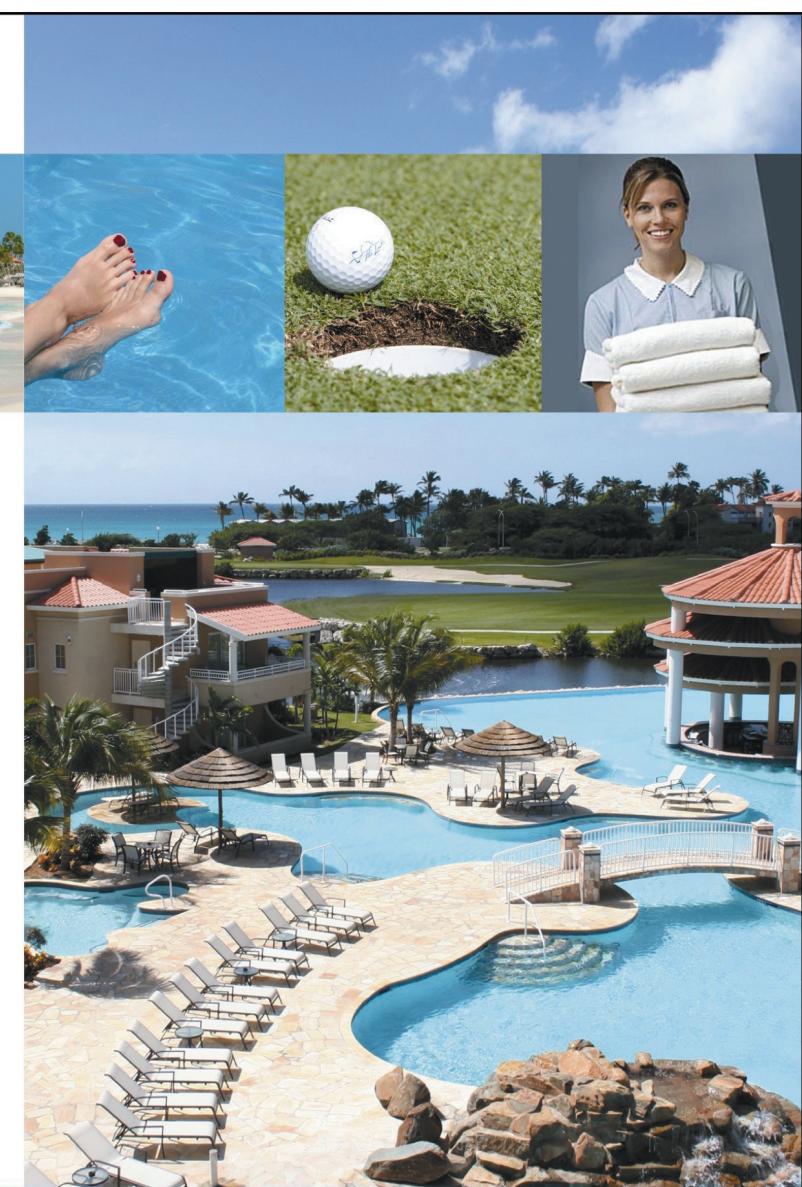
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KYRGYZSTAN**Continued from Front Page**

"The security service and the Interior Ministry ... all of them are already under the management of new people," Rosa Otunbayeva, a former foreign minister who the opposition leaders said would head the interim government, told the Russian-language Mir TV channel.

The opposition has called for the closure of the U.S. air base in Manas outside the capital of Bishkek that serves as a key transit point for supplies essential to the war in nearby Afghanistan.

A senior U.S. military official says some flights were briefly diverted at the base, but as far as military officials in Washington know, the base was never closed. Scheduled troop movements in and out of Afghanistan were not affected. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because base operations are sensitive. During the day, protesters who were called into the streets by opposition parties stormed government buildings in Bishkek and battled with police amid volleys of tear gas. Groups of elite officers then opened fire with live ammunition.

The Health Ministry said 40 people died and more than 400 were wounded. Opposition activist Toktoim Umetaliyeva said at least 100 people were killed by police gunfire.

Crowds of demonstrators took control of the state TV building and looted it, then marched toward the Interior Ministry, according to Associated Press reporters on the scene, before changing direction and attacking a national security building nearby. They were repelled by security forces loyal to Bakiyev.

After nightfall, the opposition and its supporters appeared to gain the upper hand. An AP reporter saw opposition leader Keneshbek Duishebayev sitting in the office of the chief of the National Security Agency, Kyrgyzstan's successor to the Soviet KGB. Duishebayev issued orders on the phone to people he said were security agents, and he also gave orders to a uniformed special forces commando. Duishebayev, the former interior minister, told the AP that "we have created units to restore order" on the streets. Many of the opposition leaders were once allies of Bakiyev, in some cases former ministers or diplomats.



Kyrgyz police huddle together for protection, as they come under attack from protesters near the main government buildings in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Police in Kyrgyzstan opened fire on thousands of angry protesters who tried to seize the main government building amid rioting in the capital as protests spread across the Central Asian nation.

Associated Press

Bakiyev may have fled to Osh, the country's second-largest city, where he has a home, Duishebayev said.

Since coming to power in 2005 amid street protests known as the Tulip Revolution, Bakiyev had ensured a measure of stability in the country of 5 million people, but the opposition says he has done so at the expense of democratic standards while enriching himself and his family. He gave his relatives, including his son, top government and economic posts and faced the same accusations of corruption and cronyism that led to the ouster of his predecessor, Askar Akayev.

In the past two years, authorities have clamped down on the media, and opposition activists say they have routinely been subjected to physical intimidation and targeted by politically motivated criminal investigations.

Like its neighbors Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan has remained impoverished since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and has a history of stifling democratic institutions and human rights.

Kyrgyzstan is a predominantly Muslim country, but just as in Soviet times, it has remained secular. There has been little fear of the spread of Islamic fundamentalism as in other mostly Muslim regions of the former Soviet Union.

Vladimir Putin denied any involvement in the uprising.

"Russian officials have absolutely nothing to do with this," he said in Smolensk in response to a journalist's question. "Personally, these events caught me completely by surprise."

He also criticized Bakiyev's government for repeating Akayev's mistakes.

"When President Bakiyev came to power, he was very harshly critical of the fact that the relatives of the deposed President Akayev had taken positions throughout Kyrgyzstan's economy. I have the impression that Mr. Bakiyev is stepping on these same rakes."

The anti-government forces were in disarray until recent widespread anger over the 200 percent increase in electric and heating bills unified them and galvanized support. Many of Wednesday's protesters were men from poor villages, including some who had come to the capital to live and work on construction sites.

Already struggling, they were outraged by the high cost of energy and were easily stirred up by opposition claims of official corruption.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the U.S. deplored the violence and urged all to respect the rule of law.

"We identify with the concerns that the people of Kyrgyzstan

have about their future," but those concerns should be dealt with peacefully, Crowley said, adding that the Manas base was operating normally.

Opposition leaders have said they want the base closed because it could put their country at risk if the United States becomes involved in a military conflict with Iran. Closing it would also please Russia, which has opposed the basing of U.S. troops on former Soviet turf.

The United States began using Manas in 2001, two months after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, and the base has become essential for transportation, refueling and supply for U.S.-led military operations in Afghanistan.

In 2009, Kyrgyzstan said U.S. forces would have to leave Manas, citing improving security conditions in Afghanistan and dissatisfaction over commercial terms for the base. That eviction announcement came shortly after Russia agreed to grant Kyrgyzstan more than \$2 billion in aid and loans, and U.S. officials suggested the eviction decision hinged on Moscow's said. The government later reversed its stance and agreed to a revised one-year deal giving U.S. troops rights to use the facility. Under the new lease, the rent increased to \$60 million a year, from \$17 million. □

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Boston man gets 8 years' hard labor in North Korea

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea sentenced a Boston man to eight years of hard labor and ordered him to pay a \$700,000 fine for crossing into the communist country illegally earlier this year, state media reported Wednesday.

Aijalon Mahli Gomes, 30, was the fourth American detained by North Korea for illegal entry in less than a year. Journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee were held for five months before their release last August, and activist Robert Park was expelled some 40 days after crossing into the country last Christmas.

Gomes, who had been teaching English in South Korea before his arrest, acknowledged his wrongdoing at Pyongyang's Central Court on Tuesday, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch.

Gomes was sentenced to eight years of "hard labor" and fined 70 million North Korean won, said the report monitored in Seoul. North Korea's official exchange rate is 100 won to the U.S. dollar.

"An examination was made of the hostile act committed against the (North) Korean nation and the trespassing on

the border of (North Korea), against which an indictment was brought in and his guilt was confirmed," the report said. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Joanne Moore said the government had seen the reports but she could not immediately comment. Washington and Pyongyang do not have diplomatic relations. A spokeswoman for Gomes' family said they were "disturbed" by the verdict.

"The family has no comment beyond that they are praying for him and hoping for his return home as soon as possible," Thaleia Schlesinger said in Boston. "Needless to say, they are disturbed (by the sentence) but they are hopeful that he would be returned home to them and they are praying for that."

It was unclear what might have compelled Gomes to risk going into communist North Korea illegally.

However, Gomes — described by friends as a devout Christian — attended rallies in Seoul in support of Park, a fellow Christian from the U.S. who deliberately went into the North in December to call attention to the nation's rights record.

A Seoul-based activist familiar with Gomes, Jo Sung-rae, said he might have been inspired

by Park to make a similar trip. "Gomes was weeping and he looked so sincere when he asked me if I knew anything about Robert Park's status in North Korea," Jo said Wednesday.

Word of Gomes' Jan. 25 arrest came from a brief KCNA dispatch in late January, weeks after Park was detained. His name was released in another dispatch last month.

Park, who defiantly walked into North Korea from China, was on a self-proclaimed mission to draw attention to North Korea's human rights record and to call for leader Kim Jong Il to step down. He was released in February without charge.

Ling and Lee, who work for former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's Current TV media venture, were arrested in March 2009 near the Chinese border and sentenced to 12 years of hard labor for illegal entry and engaging in "hostile acts." They were freed in August after former President Bill Clinton made a high-profile visit to Pyongyang to negotiate their release.

North Korea, impoverished and proud, craves international recognition, particularly from the U.S., its foe during the 1950-53 Korean War. Clinton's visit was thought to be a



In this photo taken on Jan. 12, 2010, American Aijalon Mahli Gomes, right, whose identification was made by Seoul-based activist Jo Sung-rae, talks with an unidentified South Korean activist during a rally organized by Jo denouncing North Korean's human rights conditions at the Imjingak Pavilion, near the demilitarized zone (DMZ) of Panmunjom that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, in Paju, South Korea. The North announced Monday, March 22, 2010, that it will put Gomes on trial, apparently referring to an American it has said arrested on Jan. 25 for trespassing after crossing into the country from China.

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diplomatic victory for North Korea's Kim Jong Il, who was beaming in photographs taken after holding talks with a serious-looking Clinton. The arrests of U.S. citizens also took place against the backdrop of international pressure on North Korea to return to nuclear disarmament talks.

The regime walked away from the disarmament-for-aid talks involving the U.S. and other regional powers last year in anger over condemnation of a rocket launch widely seen as a test of long-range missile technology. North Korea followed that move with a nuclear test, earning tightened U.N. sanctions. □

Show looks at 6 decades of Cartier-Bresson photos

By ANN LEVIN,
For The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Born in 1908, the great French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson came of age when small, handheld cameras were giving artists and adventurers unprecedented access to the entire world. Cartier-Bresson began to travel at age 22 and didn't stop for nearly half a century, always with camera in hand. Now the Museum of Modern Art — which like Cartier-Bresson himself did so much to define visual art in the 20th century — has launched a major retrospective of six decades of work by a man whom curator Peter Galassi calls "one of the most talented photographers who ever lived."

The retrospective — the first since his death in 2004 at age 95 — features 300 black-and-white prints from the years 1929 to 1989, a fifth of which have never been seen before by the public.

As a founder of the Magnum photo agency, Cartier-Bresson made it a point to witness the epic events of the last century — among them, the liberation of the Nazi camps, the Communist revolution in China, Gandhi's funeral. But the photojournalist always

Jon Gosselin sues Kate for custody of 8 children



In this publicity image released by ABC, Kate Gosselin and her partner Tony Dovolani perform on 'Dancing with the Stars,' Monday, April 5, 2010 in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/ABC, Adam Larkey)

READING, Pa. — Jon Gosselin has sued ex-wife Kate for primary custody of their eight

strode to do more than simply record the news.

Galassi notes how his photos reveal an attention to unfamiliar angles, extreme close-ups, and graphic patterns of light and shade. From the chaos around him, Cartier-Bresson extracted timeless images of uncanny clarity — what he famously referred in his influential 1952 book as the "decisive moment."

Look at the 1948 photo from Shanghai of people rushing to retrieve gold from a bank before the city falls to the Communists, and you'll understand much about the tumultuous conditions of the time.

The wide range of material is brilliantly organized into 13 largely thematic sections — although the thrills begin at the entrance to the exhibit, where the museum has blown up maps of the world and charted his journeys across the globe. Many of the original issues of *Life*, *Paris Match* and other mass-circulation picture magazines where his work first appeared are displayed in glass cases inside.

Despite Cartier-Bresson's access to people of power and influence, some of the most affecting images are

children. The former reality TV star also asked the Berks County Court on Wednesday to review his child support obligation. Gosselin's attorney, Anthony List, has previously accused Kate Gosselin of neglecting the children because she appears on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," a charge her attorney rejected as "patently false."

In court papers, Jon Gosselin says his ex-wife "abuses" her authority when it comes to scheduling visits with the kids. He also claims an arbitrator failed to require Kate to provide documentation of the children's expenses.

The Gosselins appeared on the TLC reality show "Jon & Kate Plus 8" until their marriage fell apart last year. They divorced in December. □

his scenes of everyday life beginning in the 1930s when, he later recalled, "I prowled the streets all day, feeling very strung-up and ready to pounce, determined to 'trap' life — to preserve life in the act of living."

One image from that time was taken from the top of a stairway in Hyeres, France. It captures a bicyclist careening down a cobblestone street, the curve of the road echoed by a similar curve in the railing. As Galassi notes in the wall text, Cartier-Bresson was a master of "turning the world into elegant patterns."

Although he was born into a wealthy family, he seemed at home on the street. One of his favorite tricks at large public gatherings was to ignore the main event to study the spectators — as in a well-known photograph from 1937 of eccentric Londoners at the coronation of King George VI.

But he was also an



In this publicity image released by the Museum of Modern Art, a photograph titled: Hyeres, France. 1932, taken by French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson, is shown. This piece is part of a retrospective of six decades of Cartier-Bresson's work at the Museum of Modern Art in New York beginning Sunday, April 11, 2010 and running through June 28.

(AP Photo/Courtesy Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson via MoMA)

accomplished portraitist, photographing some of the most celebrated artists and intellectuals of his day, a list that included Henri Matisse, William Faulkner and George Balanchine. When sitters would ask how long the session would take, he would

respond, "Longer than the dentist but shorter than the psychoanalyst."

Several galleries feature photos that celebrate the timeless beauty of the landscape, from rice paddies in Indonesia to a row of plane trees in France receding to the horizon. □

Whitney Houston postpones more European tour dates

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY,
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Whitney Houston has again pushed back the European leg of her first tour in years on the advice of doctors who are encouraging her to take time to recover from a respiratory illness, according to a statement issued Wednesday.

Houston had already postponed the European kickoff, originally scheduled for Tuesday in Paris, because of illness.

A statement from a representative said doctors advised Houston to reschedule concerts Thursday and Friday in Manchester, England, and a Sunday performance in Glasgow, Scotland.

All dates are being rescheduled, and the 46-year-old singer's tour is now supposed to start next Tuesday in Birmingham, England.

"Doctors visited Whitney late last night in Paris and confirmed that she was suffering from an upper respiratory infection," the statement read. "Upon

medical advice Whitney has been advised that she cannot perform to allow her time to recover."

The statement noted she delayed the tour with "great disappointment."

Houston, one of pop's all-time best-selling artists, had been on a hiatus from music as she battled drug addiction and ended a tumultuous marriage to singer Bobby Brown. But with her new CD, "I Look to You," she returned on the top of the charts and declared herself healthy and free from substance abuse.

The superstar has been on a world tour to promote the CD, which has sold more than 1 million copies in the United States alone.

However, the tour has been troubled; performances in Australia and elsewhere were negatively received by some fans and critics, who complained Houston did not showcase the majestic voice she is known for.

Video snippets of her performances showed Houston sweating and struggling to hit



FILE - In this Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 picture, Whitney Houston accepts an award at the Warner Theatre during the 2010 BET Hip Hop Honors in Washington. Illness has apparently led to a brief postponement Houston's European tour. The singer was due to kick it off in Paris on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. But a statement released Monday, April 5, 2010 by her representative says an upper respiratory infection is forcing Houston to bow out of that show, on doctors' orders.

(AP Photo/Nick Wass)

notes, leading some to wonder about her health.

In February, her representative issued a statement denying any troubles, saying, "Whitney is in great health and having a terrific time on her tour and with her fans." □

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In this April 5, 2010 photo, Joann Weber, of Midtown Realty, changes the sign from 'Sale Pending' to 'Sold' at a home that just sold in Palo Alto, Calif.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Homebuyers scramble as mortgage rates jump

By ALAN ZIBEL
and ADRIAN SAINZ,
AP Real Estate Writers

WASHINGTON — The era of record-low mortgage rates is over.

The average rate on a 30-year loan has jumped from about 5 percent to more than 5.3 percent in just the past week. As mortgages get more expensive, more would-be homeowners are priced out of the market — a threat to the fragile recovery in the housing market.

And if you wanted to refinance at a super-low rate, you may have missed your chance. Mortgages under 4 percent are still available, but only for loans that reset in five or seven years, probably to higher rates.

Rates are going up because of the improving economy and the end of a government push to make mortgages cheaper.

For people putting their homes on the market this spring, rising rates may actually be a good thing. Buyers are racing to complete their purchases and lock in something decent before rates go even higher.

"We are seeing some panic among potential buyers who have not found houses yet," said Craig Strent, co-founder of Apex Home Loans in Bethesda, Md. "They're saying: Man, I should have found a house three weeks ago or last month when rates are lower." It's all about affordability. For every 1 percentage point rise in rates, 300,000 to 400,000 would-be buyers are priced out of the market in a given year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The rule of thumb is that every 1 percentage point increase in mortgage rates reduces a buyer's purchasing power by about 10 percent. For example, taking out a 30-year mortgage for \$300,000 at a rate of 5 percent will cost you about \$1,600 a month, not including taxes and insurance. But the same monthly payment at a rate of 6 percent will only get you a loan of \$270,000.

Good economic news is the first reason rates are rising: U.S. government debt, a safe haven during the recession, is losing its appeal as investors turn to stocks and riskier corporate bonds. □

Stock slide punctures 2-month streak of gains

By STEPHEN BERNARD
and TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — A late-day slide broke the stock market's recent calm Wednesday after concerns grew that shares are overheated.

A mix of concerns including a drop in consumer borrowing and a slide in oil prices hit a market that analysts said has been looking tired. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 72 points after repeated attempts this week to cross the psychological threshold of 11,000, a level it hasn't seen in 18 months.

The Dow fell by more than 100 points during trading for the first time since Feb. 25. Analysts said the market has been due for a drop after two months of steady gains. The benchmark Standard & Poor's index reached an 18-month high on Tuesday. It had risen 12.6 percent in just two months. Gains that size often take a year to materialize.

The market found some support in afternoon trading following strong demand at a government bond auction. That sent interest rates lower following a spike on Monday. The drop in stocks resumed in the final hour of trading, however, after the Federal Reserve said consumer borrowing fell by \$11.5 billion in February.

Analysts had expected a modest gain of \$500 million. The drop, resulting from weakness in credit cards and auto loans, raised concerns that consumer spending will remain weak.

Stocks started the day weaker after Greece's borrowing costs rose again and its stock market slid on concerns that the country could default on its debt. Greece's financial woes have undermined confidence in Europe's shared currency, the euro, and caused jitters on world markets.

Even with the setbacks



Traders gather at the Barclays Capital's kiosk on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange April 7, 2010.

REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

triggered by Greece's fiscal crisis, U.S. stocks have been on a nearly unbroken climb for 13 months. The past two months of gains have come mainly from modest moves upward, in contrast to the triple-digit gains that were common early in the market's recovery.

Investors have been encouraged by a string of reports showing steady improvement in the economy, including a report that U.S. employers created 162,000 jobs in March, the most in three years.

The Dow had flirted with the 11,000 level in recent days, but hadn't crossed it. It came within 12 points of 11,000 on Monday and Tuesday before retreating.

Mark Coffelt, portfolio manager at Empiric Funds in Austin, Texas, said stocks had been due for a slide after two months of steady gains, but that any drop is likely to be modest because so many investors are waiting to put money in the market.

"We're probably a little overdue for a correction," Coffelt said. "I think it's going to be pretty light as much of the public is underinvested." According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 72.47, or 0.7 percent, to 10,897.52. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.99, or 0.6 percent, to 1,182.45, while the Nasdaq composite index

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Navratilova has breast cancer; prognosis excellent

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis great Martina Navratilova has been diagnosed with a noninvasive form of breast cancer and her prognosis is considered excellent.

Navratilova said in a phone interview Wednesday that a routine mammogram in January found a lump, and a biopsy the following month determined it was ductal carcinoma in situ, or DCIS. The nine-time Wimbledon women's singles champion had a lumpectomy in March and will start six weeks of radiation therapy next month. "It was such a shock for me," Navratilova said. "It was my 9/11."

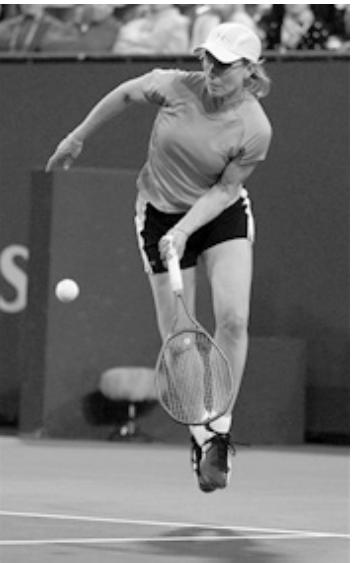
According to the National Institutes of Health, more than 50,000 women each year are diagnosed with DCIS, in which abnormal cells haven't

left the milk duct to penetrate breast tissue. It's removed because it is a risk factor for developing invasive cancer. Only about 2 percent of DCIS patients die of breast cancer in the next 10 years.

People magazine's Web site first reported Navratilova's diagnosis.

Navratilova said she initially wanted to keep her diagnosis quiet, but decided she could help others by going public. She will do a Web chat Thursday in her role as the AARP's Health and Fitness Ambassador, when she hopes not only to teach participants but to learn from them.

Navratilova plans to work as a commentator for the Tennis Channel during the French Open while undergoing radiation therapy in Paris, and she wants to hear from others



This March 12, 2010, file photo shows Martina Navratilova making a return during a doubles tennis match with partner Justine Henin, against Steffi Graf and Lindsay Davenport during a charity event at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif.

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whether she'll have the energy to do that. □

NHL Roundup

Capitals sweep season series against Penguins



Washington Capitals' Alex Ovechkin (8) of Russia celebrates his first goal in the third period goal with teammate Joe Corvo, rear, during an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, April 6, 2010. Ovechkin scored twice in the third leading the Capitals to a 6-3 win.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Alex Ovechkin scored twice to tie Sidney Crosby for the NHL lead with 48 goals as the

winning Capitals swept the season series from Pittsburgh. Crosby had a goal and two assists to give him his fourth 100-point season in five seasons, but Pittsburgh still lost its fourth in a row to Washington.

Ovechkin scored on a power play early in the third period, then added an empty-net goal with a second remaining. Nicklas Backstrom set up both during a three-assist game, giving him 67 assists.

Sharks 2, Flames 1

In Calgary, Alberta, San Jose clinched its third straight Pacific Division title by edging Calgary.

Evgeni Nabokov made 38 saves for the Sharks, who stayed two points ahead of Chicago for best record in the Western Conference.

The Flames, on the other

hand, missed the playoffs for the first time since 2003, after Colorado beat Vancouver later Tuesday.

Rob Blake and Jamie McGinn scored for San Jose. Rene Bourque netted for Calgary.

In Vancouver, Colorado beat Vancouver in a shootout to clinch a playoff berth.

Matt Duchene used a strong deke to the forehand to score the only goal of the shootout. Craig Anderson stopped 28 shots through overtime and all three in the shootout.

Darcy Tucker, T.J. Galiardi and Paul Stastny scored for Colorado, which had lost a season high four straight.

Blackhawks 5, Stars 2

In Dallas, Chicago extended its run of wins to four by overcoming Dallas.

Marian Hossa scored after 36 seconds and Colin Fraser had

the first of his two goals in the final minute of the first period. Patrick Kane also scored for Chicago and Jonathan Toews added a short-hander.

Dallas' Steve Ott connected on the power play to reach the 20-goal mark for the first time in his career, and James Neal added his 27th of the season.

Kings 5, Ducks 4, SO

In Anaheim, California, Los Angeles came from three goals down to force overtime and then beat Anaheim in a shootout.

Justin Williams had a goal and an assist in the third period for the playoff-bound Kings, who trailed 4-1 late in the second period. Michael Handzus scored the equalizing goal with just over a minute to go in regulation, then Anze Kopitar netted the decisive goal in the shootout. □

Moore lifts Connecticut out of funk, into history

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—His team whipped like never before, Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma walked off the court at halftime so slowly that there was no one else around him.

His left hand was on his hip, his eyes were straight down. His mind was churning with thoughts of how to snap his club out of its funk.

Leave it to Maya Moore to take care of that.

Moore scored 11 points during a 17-2 run to start the second half of the national championship game, a burst that put the Huskies back in control and on their way to a 53-47 victory over Stanford Tuesday night.

The win, their record-stretching 78th straight, capped the greatest two-year run in women's college basketball history and earned Auriemma a much better way off the court—on the shoulders of his players.

"I've never been prouder of a group of young people," Auriemma said. "How they fought back today. It was easy for them to pack it in. People wondered, 'What are you going to do the first time we're in a close game?' We reacted how champions react."

UConn trailed 20-12 at halftime.

Yes, 20-12.

The Huskies missed 18 straight shots, from layups to 3-pointers; a pair of missed free throws clanged away, too. Connecticut went 10 minutes, 37 seconds between points, a drought so long that Auriemma looked at his assistant coaches, shook his head and thought, "We may never score again." Of all the teams in all the halves of all the women's Final Four games, no team had ever scored this few points.

Yet no matter how badly the Huskies were shooting, they kept playing championship defense. So instead of letting Stanford turn that slump into the foundation for an upset,

Connecticut managed to remain within a few baskets. That's why Auriemma didn't have to say much at halftime. "We knew what we had to do," said Moore, the tournament's most outstanding player. "We knew we weren't going to finish the game the way we started."

They wound up finishing this season the way they did last season: 39-0. National champions. Headed to the White House, as AP player of the year Tina Charles reminded everyone; during the trophy ceremony, she asked to send a message to President Obama, then hollered, "We're baaaack!"

UConn's streak is moving into hallowed ground. With an 11-0 start in the fall, the Huskies would top the 88-game streak by John Wooden's UCLA men in the early 1970s.

They need to win the next five titles to match Wooden's streak of seven straight championships. Auriemma can appreciate how hard that is considering this was the seventh of his 25-year career. He is one behind Tennessee's Pat Summitt for most titles among women's coaches.

Stanford (36-2) was the last team to beat UConn, exactly two years before, at the 2008 Final Four. In the last 15 months, Stanford has beaten everyone it's faced except Connecticut, this being the third straight loss.

When they met Dec. 23 in Storrs, Stanford led at halftime, but lost by 12. It was the closest anyone had been to beating the Huskies all season.

This time, victory "was there for the taking," Cardinal coach Tara VanDerveer said.

UConn trailed by nine points, its most throughout the streak. Connecticut's six-point win was the first time during the run that the margin wasn't double-digits.

"You can feel sometimes so close and at the same time feel so far away," VanDerveer said. "They're beating these people by 30 or 40 points. We

had a chance and I feel like we wasted some opportunities. ... We can't talk about (closing the gap). We've got to beat them to close the gap."

With Charles and Kalana Greene departing, maybe there's a chance for turnover on top.

Then again, maybe not. The Huskies will still have Moore.

"Maya Moore was the difference," VanDerveer said. "If she's on our team, we win. She really stepped up and made big plays for them. Really, she's a great player and she made big plays." Moore finished with 23



Connecticut's women's basketball team poses for a photograph with the championship trophy during a rally at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn., Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The Huskies rallied to defeat Stanford 53-47 on Tuesday night in San Antonio for their second-straight undefeated season and national title.

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points and 11 rebounds. Charles added nine points, 11 rebounds, and 6 blocks. Stanford center Jayne Appel closed her career with a game to forget, going 0 for 12 and

failing to score. That put more of a burden on Pac-10 player of the year Nnemkadi Ogwumike, and it was too much for the sophomore to handle. □

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NBA Roundup

Bosh injured as Cavaliers down Raptors 113-101



Blood drips from Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Cleveland. Bosh was taken to a hospital for a CAT scan.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The Toronto Raptors lost All-Star forward Chris Bosh to a broken bone in his face and saw their NBA playoff hopes dented with a 113-101 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday.

Bosh was accidentally struck by a stray elbow from Cleveland's Antawn Jamison in the third minute. Bosh, who had blood dripping from his nose and mouth as he was assisted from the floor, suffered a maxilla and nasal fracture to the right side of his face and was to stay in hospital overnight.

Jamison scored 20 points — 12 in the third when the Cavs opened a double-digit lead — and Anthony Parker had a season-high 18 as the Cavaliers won an 11th straight home game. Cleveland wrapped up the NBA's best record and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

Jarrett Jack scored 23 for the Raptors, whose defeat clinched a playoff spot for the Miami Heat.

Jazz 140, Thunder 139, OT

In Salt Lake City, Deron Williams scored a career-high 42 points, including a go-ahead shot with 1.1 seconds left in overtime as Utah pulled into second place in the Western Conference with a thrilling victory over Oklahoma City.

The Jazz overcame 45 points by Kevin Durant, who thought he was fouled on a 3-point attempt just before the buzzer that would have won it for the Thunder. Durant and several teammates stayed on the court pleading for a call that never came.

It was the highest-scoring game in the NBA this season, according to STATS LLC.

Durant hit four of his seven 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Thunder rallied to force overtime.

Carlos Boozer had 28 points and 15 rebounds for Utah.

Bobcats 109, Hawks 100

In Charlotte, North Carolina,

Charlotte ensured its first non-losing season in its six-year history by downing Atlanta.

Gerald Wallace scored 28 points and Boris Diaw had 17 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the Bobcats, who inched closer to their first playoff berth and can finish no worse than .500.

Atlanta's hopes of reaching 50 wins for the first time in 12 years were squashed as it fell behind by 20 points after the first quarter.

Maurice Evans scored 20 points for the Hawks.

Bucks 79, Bulls 74

In Chicago, Milwaukee secured a playoff spot by beating Chicago.

John Salmons scored 26 points against his former team for the Bucks, who were playing for the first time since center Andrew Bogut was injured.

Milwaukee wrapped up their first playoff berth since the 2005-06 season. They are tied with Miami for fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Bucks, who matched a season low for points, remained a game behind Toronto for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. Rockets 113, Grizzlies 103

In Memphis, Tennessee, Kevin Martin scored 29 points to lead Houston over Memphis.

Aaron Brooks added 17 points and seven assists for the Rockets, who thwarted a late Grizzlies rally.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 22 points.

Knicks 104, Celtics 101

In New York, Danilo Gallinari scored a career-high 31 points, including the go-ahead basket with 36 seconds left, to help New York defeat Boston.

Earl Barron had 17 points and a career-best 18 rebounds for the Knicks, who temporarily avoided a third consecutive 50-loss season.

Ray Allen scored 17 points for the Celtics, who blew a chance to tie Atlanta for third place

in the Eastern Conference. Boston botched its final possession and couldn't get a tying 3-point attempt off in the final seconds.

Spurs 95, Kings 86

In Sacramento, California, surging San Antonio notched a fourth straight win by downing Sacramento.

Richard Jefferson scored 18 points and Manu Ginobili had 16 for the Spurs, who moved into a sixth-place tie with Oklahoma City in the Western Conference playoff race.

Tyreke Evans had 22 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Kings, who have lost eight straight.

In Philadelphia, undermanned Detroit snapped an 11-game losing streak with a victory over Philadelphia.

Charlie Villanueva scored 25 points and Rodney Stuckey added 24 for the Pistons, who won for only the eighth time on the road this season.

Marreese Speights scored 21 points for the struggling Sixers, who have lost four straight.

In Washington, the hosts were up by double digits within three minutes and comfortably saw off Golden State.

Warriors coach Don Nelson came up short in his first attempt at breaking Lenny Wilkens' record for NBA coaching victories, remaining on 1,332.

Nick Young scored a season-high 29 points and JaVale McGee set career highs with 25 points and 15 rebounds. The Wizards had four players reach 20 points for the first time since 2007-08.

In other games it was, Charlotte 109, Atlanta 100; Washington 112, Golden State 94; Cleveland 113, Toronto 101; Detroit 124, Philadelphia 103; New York 104, Boston 101; Milwaukee 79, Chicago 74; Houston 113, Memphis 103; Utah 140, Oklahoma City 139, OT; and San Antonio 95, Sacramento 86. □

Top World Cup nations need biggest stars to shine

ROBERT MILLWARD

AP Football Writer

LONDON (AP) — From the shot-stopping talent of Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon to the mesmerizing dribbles and scoring skills of Argentina forward Lionel Messi, the leading World Cup contenders will be looking to their most influential names to guide them to the biggest trophy in football.

Although Brazil, Spain, England and Argentina have talented players throughout the team, they still rely on a key individual to shine brighter than the others.

If players like Buffon and Messi don't play to their usual high standard, that affects the confidence of their teammates. Conversely, a vital stop by the Italy 'keeper or a mesmerizing run and goal by the Argentine lifts them all.

Buffon has been one of the world's best goalkeepers for a decade, playing 100 times for his country. He was in Italy's squad for the 1998 World Cup but didn't get a game and, when the team won the title for the fourth time in Germany four years ago, he did not concede a goal in five games, including a run of 453 minutes.

Because of the way the draw pans out, Buffon can't run into Messi until the semifinals.

The young Barcelona forward made his mark at the 2006 World Cup with a goal in his first game in the competition at 18, and was one of the stars of his club's triple triumph last season, which included the Spanish league and Champions League titles.

Messi torments defenders



Soccer players Cristiano Ronaldo from Portugal, Andres Iniesta from Spain, Kaka from Brazil, Lionel Messi from Argentina and Xavi from Spain, from left, are seen after a press conference ahead of the FIFA World Player Gala 2009 naming the World Player in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Dec. 21, 2009.

with his ball control, pulling them out of position to set up goals for teammates or weaving through to hit the target. Without a World Cup triumph since 1986, Argentina badly needs him to be in form in South Africa. Brazil will chase its sixth World Cup title armed with quality players throughout the team. If Kaka is struggling for form, however, the team won't likely have the extra ingredient to turn a good team into a great one.

Like Messi, Kaka can create a goal with a moment of sheer brilliance — a dribble or an expertly timed pass to set up a chance for a proven scorer like Luis Fabiano.

Unlike Brazil, which last won the title in 2002, England has been waiting for a World Cup triumph since 1966, when Geoff Hurst scored the only hat trick in a final

at Wembley against West Germany. Now, the English will be looking to Wayne Rooney to inspire something similar.

With his powerful, all-action style of play even when he is back helping his defenders, Rooney has the ability to lift the team and the fans when he is at his best. A defender's nightmare, he muscles them out of the way and scores goals from distance and close range, hitting the target more than 30 times this season. He has the tendency to lose his temper, however, and was sent off in his last World Cup appearance four years ago for stamping on a Portuguese opponent.

Portugal winger Cristiano Ronaldo was Rooney's Manchester United teammate in those days, but moved to Real Madrid for a world record transfer fee last June.

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Ronaldo will be Portugal's key player as the team faces Brazil and Ivory Coast in a tough World Cup group in a competition where it has never made the final.

The same, surprisingly, applies to current European champion Spain, despite the fame of club sides Real Madrid and Barcelona, and it will be a big disappointment for the Spaniards if they fail to make it to the final at Soccer City on July 11.

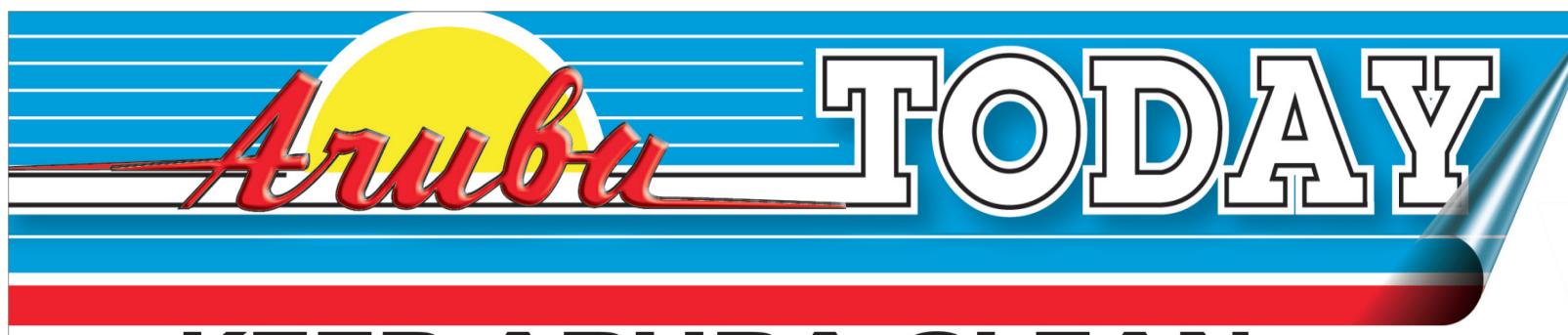
With Fernando Torres, David Villa, Andres Iniesta, Carles Puyol and Iker Casillas in the lineup, Spain has an abundance of talent throughout the team. But the player who pulls things together is Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez, and he could be the orchestrator who takes the team to its long overdue first world title.

The two-time runner-up Netherlands reached this year's World Cup by winning all its qualifying games. But they will rely heavily on Robin van Persie and Arjen Robben being in top form. Likewise, 1998 champion and 2006 runner-up France is low on confidence and only reached the tournament with the help of a handball by Thierry Henry, who is at his fourth World Cup. France's best player, however, could be Franck Ribery, who hopes to shake off injury and doubts about his club future by shining at the World Cup.

Three-time World Cup winner Germany will rely on the midfield guile and influence of Michael Ballack and the goals of Miroslav Klose, while the United States will look to Landon Donovan, Clint Dempsey and Michael Bradley to guide them at least to the quarterfinals. Of the African nations, Steven Pienaar hopes to use his Premier League experience to help the hosts, and Chelsea players Didier Drogba, Jon Obi Mikel and Michael Essien should be key figures for Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Ghana.

Tim Cahill, the attacking midfielder who has the habit of scoring vital goals for Everton, could be the player to influence Australia's World Cup chances.

South Korea will look to Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-sung to make an impact, and Japan will be hoping that midfielder playmaker and free kick expert Shunsuke Nakamura will regain form and boost the team's World Cup chances. □



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SPORTS

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New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, right, is congratulated by teammate Jorge Posada, left, after earning his first save of the season against the Boston Red Sox during a baseball game Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Boston. The Yankees beat the Red Sox 6-4.

BOSTON (AP) — The New York Yankees capitalized on a costly fielding error to beat the Boston Red Sox 6-4 in the American League on Tuesday.

With two outs in the eighth Boston shortstop Marco Scutaro fielded Derek Jeter's routine grounder and only had to throw to first to retire the side. But the throw went in the dirt and off first baseman Kevin Youkilis' glove, allowing Jeter

to first, loading the bases. Then Boston pitcher Hideki Okajima walked Nick Johnson to put the Yankees up 5-4 and ahead to stay.

New York's Alfredo Aceves pitched two hitless innings to take the win, while Mariano Rivera got his first save of the year and 527th of his career, most in AL history.

Twins 5, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau and

J.J. Hardy each homered, leading Minnesota over Los Angeles.

Twins starter Nick Blackburn returned to the site of his first big league start and took the win, allowing three runs over 6 2-3 innings with four strikeouts.

Minnesota closer Jon Rauch made his season debut with a perfect ninth inning to earn his first AL save.

Angels starter Joe Saunders

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AL Roundup

Yanks seize on key BoSox error

gave up three homers and five runs over five innings.

Athletics 2, Mariners 1, 10 innings

In Oakland, California, Mark Ellis hit a game-ending RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning, lifting Oakland over Seattle.

Oakland's Kevin Kouzmanoff and Kurt Suzuki each singled with one out in the 10th. After

Eric Chavez flew out, Ellis singled into the right-center gap to score pinch-runner Eric Patterson.

Edwar Ramirez pitched the 10th for the A's to earn his first win since 2008, when he was with the New York Yankees. Oakland starter Dallas Braden struck out a career-high 10.

Seattle pitcher Kanekoa Texeira took the loss in his major league debut.

Rays 4, Orioles 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Carl Crawford drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double in

the ninth inning to lift Tampa Bay over Baltimore.

Tampa Bay loaded the bases in the ninth against Baltimore closer Michael Gonzalez with a single, double and an intentional walk. Crawford lined a 1-0 pitch into right field, driving in the winning runs before a sellout crowd.

Evan Longoria homered in the sixth for the Rays.

Adam Jones, Luke Scott and Matt Wieters homered for the Orioles, who were unable to put the game away because of a lack of timely hitting with runners in scoring position.

Rays reliever Rafael Soriano got the win, despite struggling to get through the top of the ninth, while Gonzalez took the loss.

In other AL games it was, Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3; N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 4; Minnesota 5, L.A. Angels 3; and Oakland 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings. □

NL Roundup

Wolf guides Brewers past Rockies

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Randy Wolf's debut as a Milwaukee starting pitcher was a success, steering the Brewers to a 7-5 win over the Colorado Rockies in the NL on Tuesday.

Wolf struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings in his first start since signing a \$29.75 million, three-year contract in the offseason to bolster Milwaukee's starting staff.

Casey McGehee and Rickie Weeks did their part to help. McGehee hit a three-run homer in the first and Weeks added a solo shot off Rockies starter Greg Smith in the fifth. Trevor Hoffman gave up a run in a rocky ninth but recorded

his 592nd career save.

Giants 3, Astros 0

In Houston, Barry Zito gave up only three hits in six innings to guide San Francisco past Houston.

Zito struck out five before he was replaced and the relief staff of Waldis Joaquin, Dan Runzler, Sergio Romo and closer Brian Wilson combined for one hit in the last three innings. Wilson earned his second save.

Giants newcomer Aubrey Huff had two hits and drove in a run in a game that was scoreless until the sixth.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez allowed seven hits

in six innings. He struck out four and walked four.

In Phoenix, San Diego pitcher Chris Young allowed just one hit through six innings as the Padres downed Arizona.

Young, who missed the second half of last season after shoulder surgery, struck out five. The only hit he allowed was a single in the fourth.

Everth Cabrera drove in four runs with a triple in the sixth and a double in the second. That matched his career high for RBIs.

Arizona starter Edwin Jackson lasted just four innings in his Diamondbacks debut, allowing three runs, including



Milwaukee Brewers' Trevor Hoffman points after earning a save in the Brewers' 7-5 win over the Colorado Rockies in a baseball game Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Milwaukee. It was Hoffman's 592nd career save.

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a solo homer by Will Venable. **In other NL games it was, San Francisco 3, Houston 3. □**

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Thursday, April 8, 2010

At the Renaissance Conference Center

The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival hosts a press conference



ORANJESTAD — The Renaissance Convention Center hosted an exciting press conference attended by the Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor, Otmar Oduber, and the promoters of the Soul Beach Music Festival, Mark Adkins and Karl Welch, in which they jointly announced the stellar line up for the upcoming festival presenting world class entertainment unfolding here on Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th to 31st, 2010. Performances by Mary J. Blige, Toni Braxton, Joe Thomas, Raheem DeVaughn, along with Shaquille O'Neal Comedy Showcase starring Kevin Hart, are planned here on Friday, May 28th, at the Aruba Entertainment Center, Oranjestad, and the Music Concerts for Saturday, May 29th, and Sunday, May 30th, will take place at Joe Laveist Stadium, in San Nicholas, in combination with SaniFest, a cultural street festival, with additional food, music and other special attractions.

The festival features its crowd

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from all over the USA, for five action-packed days.

The Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino will serve as the primary host hotel, with secondary hosts Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. Other participating properties are Brickell Bay Beach Club Aruba, Hyatt Regency Aruba, Tierra del Sol Resort Spa & Country Club, along with many local sponsors such as Setar, De Palm Tours, the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association. HBO will be filming the production as a founding sponsor and airing the footage as part of a

new well-publicized series. Pictured here, the Renaissance Conference Center press event,

emceed by Astrid Muller on behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority. □



At PriceWabbithouseCoopers

Easter Connected Eggin Delivers Much Fun



ORANJESTAD — Easter Connected Eggin at PriceWabbithouseCoopers offered a traditional egg hunt within the office complex and a creative egg design competition.

More than 200 eggs were hidden at the company's headquarters in the heart of town, by the tireless members of the social committee, including coveted, prize-bearing Golden and Silver

eggs.

The best part of the afternoon revealed an eggciting design competition featuring the office wanna-be artists who created very clever installations, representing the company's core-values of connected thinking, positive attitude, the idea that clients are as diverse as their needs, and that their individual requirements dictate the ever-changing business strategies conceived



with passion and dedication at PricewaterhouseCoopers. While judged anonymously,

Rachel Maduro's Navigating Changing Times, won most accolades as first prize winner of the weekend stay at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, while Ronnie Brokelman's Golden Egg, won him a Blackberry Smartphone.

Inoira Maduro who tracked down the silver egg received dinner for two, while Emely Maduro was the office's best egg hunter, third year in a row and the proud recipient of a gift certificate.

Pictured here, in pursuit of eggstraordinary

fun, the office staff at PriceWabbithouseCoopers. □



Dr. Ryan Peterson of the Aruba University's tourism faculty

Sustainability creates opportunities, challenges in a new economy



ORANJESTAD—Traditional market rules in a new economy do not work anymore. Dr. Ryan Peterson, dean of the tourism faculty at the University of Aruba recently addressed the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association members on the economic value of 'going green.' Peterson said even though the uncertainties regarding the economic crisis have subsided somewhat, labor and financial markets still confront major challenges in a world where consumers are still holding on to their money. This new order emphasizes the need to create value in a dynamic economy, which entails efficiency, cost effectiveness, service toward clients, social responsibility, while increasing profitability. The tourism faculty of the University of Aruba recently conducted surveys that indicate that innovative companies do not wait for signs of demands from the market or when opportunities knock. Commercial success in a new normal requires a courageous attitude and ability to create new products and services to realize the opportunities a 'green economy' offers, says Dr. Peterson.

He explains that nowadays, communities, businesses and consumers are much more aware of the importance of social and environmental responsibility. More and more consumers, particularly tourists expect green products and services, as well as the impact on the environment. The consumer in the new economy looks for high ethical standards and for companies, hotels, destinations to be responsible socially, investing in community projects.

Dr. Ryan Peterson comments

that island nations facing internal fragilities and an open external economy are faced with a bigger challenge, compared to bigger countries. Aruba is not an exception.

Moreover, Aruba's open and globalized economy is both a challenge and opportunity, Peterson adds. "We cannot ignore the demand for green as something irrelevant, particularly not when we have over a million international consumers visiting our island. This is why Aruba has to exercise ethical, innovative, well informed and intelligent control in order to sustain the quality of our society."

And in a new economy, the trend of going green and the use of new systems and processes to ensure sustainability are imperative strategies for businesses. Most are aware of the need to go green, and the main question now is how. "The main issue now is how to practice sustainability and how to realize financial, social and environmental benefits. It is a normal practice, particularly for innovative companies," Dr. Peterson illustrates.

However, even though most companies 'know' they have to go green, most do so not because of social and/or environmental commitment, but because of legislation, demands of market and consumers. This shows consumers and the government have bigger influence on how businesses operate as compared to non-governmental organizations that for years have been advocating environmental conservation, demographic development management, and carrying capacity and addressing the scarcity of natural resource, including fossil fuels.

Lack of regulation and control, as well as economic incentives are the biggest obstacles for businesses to operate on a sustainable manner.

Legislation for instance is crucial in small island economies.

Governments need to direct sustainability through vision and by creating adequate conditions for businesses and industries to create value, without losing sight

on the impact and social and environmental benefits. "There is a requirement now for another type of strategy to negotiate and communicate with multinational companies looking to expand their global presence.

The dean of the tourism faculty points out the importance of communication and mutual understanding, in order to rise above individuality. Peterson says the biggest barriers for a green economy are not technology or investment, but political and an antiquated business culture. Too many times the industry looks back on what had functioned in the past and relies on those same strategies,

forgetting that not only the rules of the games have changed but also that the game itself has changed.

Communication with the consumer and government agencies are of utmost importance when realizing the benefit of investment in sustainability.

Moreover, relations with administrators and distributors are the essential link in the

service chain, particularly when working to achieve success in a green economy. The benefits of a sustainable economy are efficient processes and services, cost reduction, better reputation and image, innovation of processes and new products, analysis indicate. These are exactly what every company searches for.

And the positive effect is the automatic reduction on contamination, pollution and other negative effects.

Dr. Ryan Peterson emphasizes investigations show that sustainability does not depend on one company, but on an industry and economy and its various commercial, governmental, public and community partners.

"For a small island community, this means the need for trust, compromise, courage and strong collaboration in order to create a new economy where value is created and shared.

Even though, going green is not a given (yet), the practice of sustainability is not a luxury but a competitive necessity," is Peterson's conclusion. □

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Honeypot releases "One In A Million"



ORANJESTAD - After a 3 month break, the popular local band "Honeypot" resurfaces with a new Hit Song being played non-stop on the local radio stations. "One In A Million" is the newest ear candy being played by all the radio DJ's on the island. This song is "dancehall rock" which is a trademark by Honeypot. The new song was composed and arranged



by Chayo Tromp in a unique way which was recorded at the O.M.Z recording Studio by the hands of Kurt Labadie. At this moment, Honeypot is in the recording studio working on more songs to complete the next album to be released this year.

Pictures show Honeypot members playing at the Popular Hard Rock Café Aruba, Palm Beach. □



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Importance of social engagement and combined therapies to be highlighted

First Aruba International Autism Symposium to be held

April 16 through 18 at the Westin Resort

ORANJESTAD—Peer relations at school contribute to better development of the autistic child, while combined therapies have shown positive effects. Two renowned experts will address these two topics and will open the first International Aruba Autism Symposium, April 16 to 18 in the Westin Resort. Dr. Connie Kasari, PhD and Dr. Lauren Underwood PhD will give the keynote addresses during the opening evening on Friday, April 16.

Dr. Kasari is a Professor of Psychological Studies in Education and Psychiatry at the UCLA, where she is the principal investigator for several multi-site research programs. This includes the Autism Intervention Research Network for Behavioral Health and Characterizing Cognition in Nonverbal Individuals with Autism Intervention network by Autism Speaks. She received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since 1990 she has been on the faculty at UCLA where she teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses, and has been the primary advisor to more than 30 PhD students. She is a founding member of the Center for Autism Research and Treatment at UCLA and has been actively involved in autism research for the past 25 years, leading projects under the CPEA, STAART, and Autism Centers of Excellence programs from NIH. Her current research focuses on developing targeted interventions for early social communication development in at risk infants, toddlers and preschoolers with autism, and peer relationships for school aged children with autism. She is involved in several randomized controlled trials, with her most recent work involving multi-site studies for interventions aimed at underserved and under-represented populations of children with autism.

She has published widely on topics related to social, emotional, and communication development and intervention in autism. She is on the treatment advisory board of the Autism Speaks Foundation, and regularly presents to both academic and practitioner audiences locally, nationally and internationally.

Her lecture in Aruba will focus on what research says about peer relationships of children with autism at school.

This presentation will focus on our current knowledge of peer relationships of children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at school. Many more children with ASD are entering regular classrooms, and are being educated alongside neuro-

typical children. However, a significant challenge for children with ASD concerns their ability to engage in interactions with others, to feel connected to their classmates, and to develop friendships. Feeling connected to others improves social, behavioral and academic outcomes for all children.

Thus, interventions that target improved social interactions for children with ASD are critical. In addition to describing friendship and peer relationships of children with autism at school current intervention models will be reviewed and evaluated for the strength of their 'evidence' in improving social outcomes of children with autism.

Dr. Kasari will highlight new UCLA school based data during her presentation in Aruba.

Dr. Lauren Underwood received her MS and PhD in biology (developmental neurobiology) from Tulane University. Following graduation, she was awarded a National Institute of Health Post-Doctoral Training Grant Fellowship in Vision Research. Dr. Underwood is the parent of a child recovering from autism, and as a result of this, became a health educator and biomedical consultant for families of autistic children.

Dr Underwood is also employed as a Senior Staff Scientist for SSAI, Inc. supporting NASA's Earth Science Enterprise. Dr. Underwood's experience as a medical research scientist as well as that of a parent of an autistic child puts her in a unique position. She has the scientific ability to interpret and explain many of the biomedical interventions in layman's terms, giving parents a better grasp of how many treatments may work, as well as the compassion and empathy to understand the constant demands of their situation. Dr. Underwood is also a C.A.R.D., Center for Autism and Related Disorders, IRB Board member and a US Autism and Asperger Association Advisory Board. She is a Board (Scientific) member and has a monthly radio program on Autism One Radio. Her presentation focuses on Biomedical and Behavioral Therapies Together: A Best Practice Model for Treating Autism.

A best practice is a technique, method, or process that is believed to be more effective at achieving a particular outcome. Behavioral as well as biomedical approaches have individually been established as effective modalities for treating children with autism. However, optimization of best possible successful outcomes can be achieved when these interventions are implemented together as a joint behavioral-



biomedical treatment. This model suggests that if indicated, biomedical interventions should be utilized concurrently with behavioral therapies, in an attempt to stabilize the child's medical conditions so that an overall improved state of health is achieved. The symposium is organized by the Aruba Autism Foundation in an effort to raise awareness on the neurological disorder and also to create the premises for individual with autism to develop here as well. The entire program is designed to give participants a better understanding of autism. This will increase the chances to detect autism at a very young age, and thus, implement a timely and effective treatment which will improve the quality of life for those affected by autism. Medical doctors will receive accreditation for their participation.

Costs for local participation are 125 florins for the three days or 75 florins for one day. People from Curaçao and Bonaire who are interested to partake in the symposium pay the same price as locals. There is also an option to have a lunch at the Westin, at a price of 23 dollars per person.

For more information, contact the foundation at 588-1179 or visit the website www.autismoaruba.org. □

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Observe Your Goals Into Existence 2 - Practical Applications

Yesterday we discussed the theory of manifestation through observation. Today, we'll explain one extremely powerful technique to help us observe our goals and desires into our reality.

In order to create our lives, we must focus our thoughts, emotions and actions on what we want the future to bring, while in the throes of our present daily lives. This can be challenging to say the least, and the more tools we have at our disposal, the

better off we are.

The use of Icons can be an extremely powerful method of snapping ourselves out of the moment, and reminding us what we're striving for. When we refocus on the big picture, we step out of the present moment. This allows us to make better decisions that will bring us closer to the goal, instead of reacting from emotion and hurting ourselves.

This is as powerful as it

is simple. If your goal is to own a house on the beach, put a shell on your keychain or in your pocket. Put a picture of your dream house on your desktop or phone. Place reminders all around you, representing your dream future.

When you look at your icons, imagine yourself there, after you've achieved your goals. Think of how you feel with all this success under your belt. If you think of HOW you will get there, you will defeat yourself before you ever get into the game. Your destination is up to you, since your focus creates your life. How you get there is the magical mystery that is life as a human. How it happens is not your concern. Your concern is focusing on your

goals.

When you ask for your life to change, it will, but maybe not in ways that you expect. Change will come and when it does, your job is to allow it to happen. Don't judge the change emotionally. Just allow it. You asked for change in your life, and you got it so don't fight it. It is a step toward your goal, as long as you have a goal.

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Know where you want your life to go. Make decisions and take action toward that goal. Allow uncontrollable changes when they come. When you become emotional because the goal seems infinitely far, use icons to refocus your thoughts and give you long-term perspective on

the immediate situation. Until Tomorrow...

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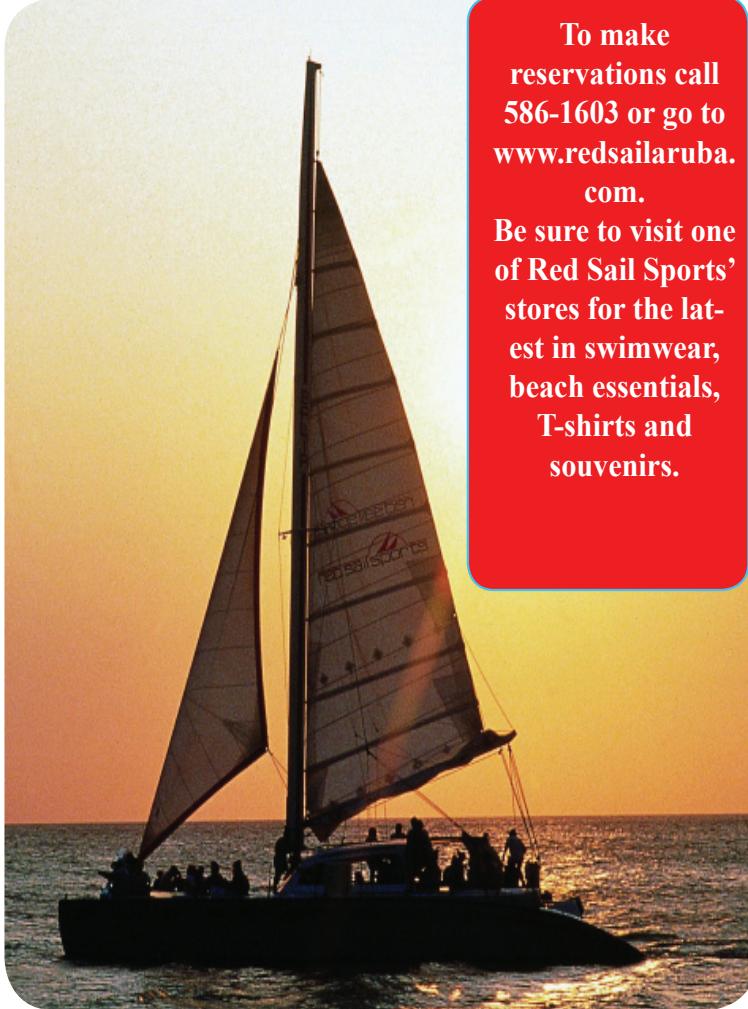


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Salsa Band Tsunami electrifies Café the Plaza



ORANJESTAD — It was a the Renaissance Marketplace, swinging Saturday night last weekend at Café the Plaza in

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night long. Salsas and meringues liven up the terrace adding to all the great ambience and great food and drinks at popular Dutch Café the Plaza.

When Tsunami formed, their objective was to create a band that would look, sound, and basically do everything in a way it has never been done in Aruba before. The look; most of the time you will see this band wearing white, which reflects the purity of the energy that

they put in each performance. They also perform on bare feet. This is just to reflect their humbleness and their connection with the world around them. The sound; they use extravagant percussion instruments coming from various corners of the world including Africa, Brazil, and Cuba (...just to name a few). Most of these come from the personal collection of Jaws Rasmijn.

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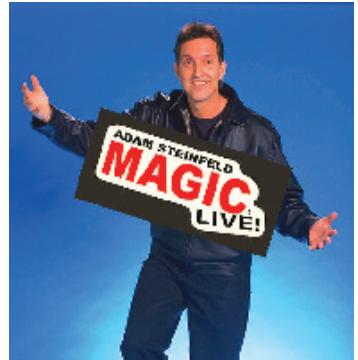
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Illidge: Service agreements needed for number of areas

PHILIPSBURG--St. Maarten has to broker a number of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) to ensure the continuity of a number of tasks in the areas of telecommunications and transportation after country status, as a consequence of inadequate preparations and of many St. Maarten professionals having been labelled overqualified in the past, new Minister Patrick Illidge said Tuesday.

This failure to prepare in the past will lead to a chunk of the NAF. 150 million in fees and taxes that St. Maarten pours into the Central Government coffers having to be used for the SLAs instead of finally staying in St. Maarten to boost the economy, the minister told a press conference in the Parliament building on Back Street on Tuesday.

He held the press conference to outline his portfolios and to introduce his executive assistant in St. Maarten, Louis Crastell Gumbs, a former telecommunications and transportation minister, and his office manager in St. Maarten Sylvain Flanders.

Gumbs and Flanders said they were pleased to be assisting Illidge and the people of St. Maarten in the build up to country status.

Illidge told the press a lot of work needed to be carried out to prepare St. Maarten for country status in October, including negotiating and wrapping up a number of SLAs with Curaçao, Aruba or other Caribbean islands, should St. Maarten so choose. The people mandated government in 2000 to pursue country status, but little had been done by the former Democratic Party (DP) government to build up the island's infrastructure in preparation for receiving tasks when transferred by the

Central Government, Illidge said. Now the time between now and October 10, the date for country status, is too short to have all the expertise and infrastructure in place to receive the decentralised tasks, he pointed out.

"We have to attract our people in the Netherlands and elsewhere to come home. We had to prepare since 2000," he said, adding that this delay would not have occurred had qualified St. Maarteners not been turned back after being told they were "overqualified."

Groundwork for a civil aviation SLA with Curaçao has already been laid by Aviation Commissioner Frans Richardson, Economic Affairs and Tourism Sector Director Miguel de Weever and Sector Advisor Louis Halley. Illidge is to meet the commissioner on this matter soon.

As for aviation, an SLA will be needed for the Bureau Telecommunication and Post (BTP). Illidge said the agreement would cover areas St. Maarten had to build up



and would outline the fees for these services. Illidge will also take up a pending project to make computers and Internet accessible to all children in St. Maarten. Money for the project is available, but the local government has to indicate to the Central Government its ability to continue the task after the initial funding is used up.

The former government did not

do its part, he said. "Anything that is in the interest of the people of St. Maarten I am for. Too long have the people been left behind in favour of big business."

Illidge was aboard the inaugural Insel Air flight to Medellin, Colombia, last week as one of his first official functions. He hopes Windward Islands Airways International Winair will grow to the level

of Insel Air and become more of an asset to the Windward Islands.

Illidge's portfolio covers Aviation, Postal Savings Bank, Maritime Affairs and Bureau Telecommunication and Post, among other areas. He has had meetings with several department heads and has carried out a quick scan of his portfolio since taking office on March 26. □

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Unlike the European elections, not all Dutch nationals in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba are entitled to vote in the Dutch elections.

People eligible to vote have to fill out the online registration form, print and mail it with a copy of their passport or identification card. The form is available via www.uheefhetvoorhetzeggen.nl or www.denhaag.nl.

Forms are also available in the Windward Islands office of the Representation of the Netherlands in the Netherlands Antilles, VNP, on Front Street.

The forms must be received no later than Tuesday, April 27. Forms must be sent to the municipality of The Hague, or sent to/delivered at the Representation of the Netherlands.

Registration forms will be sent automatically to people registered as a voter abroad for parliamentary elections. Voters who have moved need to notify the municipality of The Hague (Dienst Burgerzaken, Bureau Verkiezingen, postbus 12620, 2500 DL Den Haag or e-mail: verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it) about the change of address.□



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Before health care reform, Republicans weren't always the party of 'No!'

By Robert S. McElvaine

Clinton, Miss. — Remember when Republicans in Congress were free men and women?

Not a single GOP member of Congress voted for the massive economic stimulus package last year. And the most significant act of social legislation in decades — healthcare reform — passed this year without a single Republican vote, either. Leading party figures have promised no cooperation with Democrats for the rest of the year.

No wonder the party is becoming known as the "G-No-P." Such extreme partisanship has not always been its hallmark. Many Republicans actually supported key social and economic bills proposed by liberal Democratic presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson.

Although many conservatives denounced it as "socialism," 84 percent of House Republicans and 76 percent of Senate Republicans voted in favor of Social Security in 1935. In light of the Republican plan to run on repealing healthcare reform, it is worth noting that the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, Alf Landon, ran against the "cruel hoax" and "paternal government" that he said Social Security represented. FDR trounced him.

It's been forgotten, but 80 percent of Republicans in both the House and Senate voted in favor of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. And 97 percent of Senate Republicans and 85 percent of House Republicans voted for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

More startling, given the completely unified voice of the party's members of Congress today shouting "No!" to the provision of health insurance for all Americans, 51 percent of Republican members of the House and 43 percent of the party's senators who cast votes on the 1965 bill creating Medicare and Medicaid favored these government healthcare programs.

The extraordinary partisanship exhibited by Republicans today did not arise until the late 1980s and early '90s. More than any other figure, it was Newt Gingrich who, after he became the House Republican whip in 1989, transformed the GOP into the "Party of No." By 1993, not a single Republican would vote for President Bill Clinton's budget, which included a modest increase in the top marginal tax rate. □

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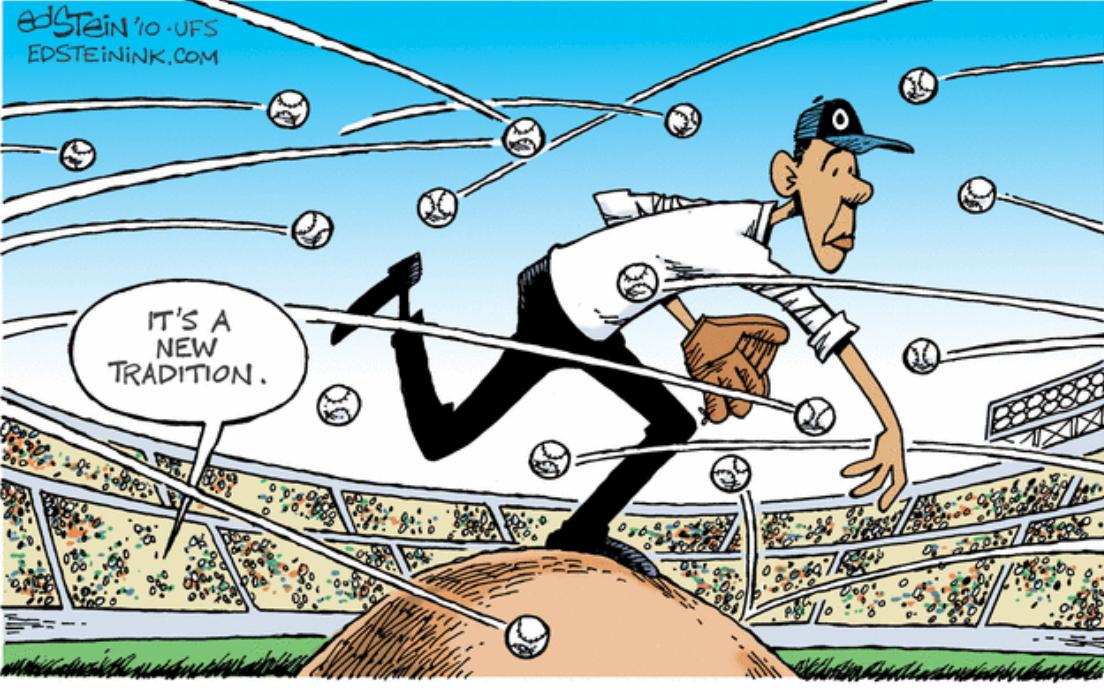
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FIRST PITCH -- THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE

Obama, Congress, health care, and taxes: How angry does Washington make you?

By Thomas G. McGowan

Memphis, Tenn. — Hate is on the rise in America.

Recently 10 members of a Midwest militia group were arrested for allegedly planning acts of domestic terrorism. One of their plans called for the murder of a police officer and the bombing of scores more at the victim's funeral. According to Mark Potok, who monitors hate group activity for the Southern Poverty Law Center, the number of vigilante, hate, and paramilitary groups in the United States increased dramatically in the past year. In fact, the center reports 369 new hate groups in the US since President Obama took office.

When hatred becomes a political value, disagreement can be used to justify violence. We witnessed this stark fact on Sept. 11, 2001, and on April 19, 1995, in Oklahoma City. The passage of healthcare legislation has fueled new hatred and unchecked anger has caused hate violence to enter the American mainstream. The offices of members of Congress have been attacked, and their personal property has been vandalized.

The recent violence against members of Congress came from people who were unable to manage their anger over healthcare legislation. Anger is a natural human emotion. However, when anger is experienced, it must be dealt with and managed. Left

unchecked, anger can lead to hatred, and, ultimately, violence.

The hate violence against members of Congress may have been triggered by people's anger over healthcare legislation, but much of it is rooted in a reservoir of hatred created by another major historical event: the election of the first black American president. It would be a mistake, however, to simply attribute this anger to racism. It is perhaps better understood as an expression of our society's obsession with winning and the difficulty we have accepting what we don't want. Mr. Obama's campaign

strategy and governing style suggest that the contemporary barrier to healthy political discourse is not racism but anger. One year before Obama's election, Shelby Steele, widely considered one of the brightest black American thinkers, published "A Bound Man: Why We Are Excited About Obama and Why He Can't Win." In his book, Mr. Steele accused Obama of striking a bargain with whites on the matter of race: Treat me as if race doesn't matter and I will not make race an issue. In Steele's opinion, Obama sold out to white America, sacrificing his black identity in exchange for political success predicated on the compromise of colorblindness.

Steele underestimated Obama. He also underestimated the

ability of white Americans to vote for a black man on the basis of his character.

Obama's campaign strategy revealed a certain wisdom regarding the nature of anger: Even when anger is justified, holding on to it is ultimately self-destructive. Paradoxically, letting go of anger is empowering. Throughout his campaign Obama followed a negotiating tactic used to resolve partisan conflicts. He shifted the focus from past grievances to present, practical concerns, allowing both parties to move beyond a past that would otherwise foreclose the possibility of moving forward.

Obama's actions indicate that he seems to understand that regardless of past racial injustice, making race an issue typically makes white people defensive, and when people are defensive they withdraw and refuse to participate. Sometimes they become angry. His nonracial, racial strategy afforded white Americans the opportunity to avoid feeling defensive about race and to consider him not as a black candidate, but as a candidate who happened to be black.

The ability of Obama to transcend differences and traditional grievances is new to recent American politics. It suggests a politics that devalues anger, advocates dialogue and engagement, rejects hatred, and promotes hope over fear. □

Disidente cubano depone huelga de hambre tras 39 días

LA HABANA (Reuters) - El disidente cubano Franklin Pelegrino depuso el miércoles una huelga de hambre después de 39 días, tras la advertencia del presidente Raúl Castro de que no cedería ante "chantajes".

"Tomé esta decisión por el clamor, por el ruego que se me hizo", dijo Pelegrino a Reuters en una entrevista telefónica desde la localidad de Cacocum, 750 kilómetros al este de La Habana.

"Me siento muy mal, me siento muy decaído. No puedo hablar mucho. Se me van las palabras, se me olvidan las cosas", añadió.

Pelegrino, un barbero de 38 años, estaba en huelga de hambre para reclamar la liberación de 26 presos políticos enfermos. Durante ese tiempo ingirió líquidos.

Otro disidente, Guillermo Fariñas, entró el miércoles en su día 43 de huelga de hambre con la misma demanda y dijo que él no tira la toalla.

"Yo no pienso deponer la huelga", dijo Fariñas a Reuters desde el hospital público donde está recibiendo alimentación por vía intravenosa en Santa Clara, 270 kilómetros al este de La Habana.

Informe oficial:

486 víctimas por terremoto en Chile

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) - El último informe oficial entregado el miércoles por el gobierno aumentó a 486 las víctimas fatales por el terremoto de magnitud 8.8 y posterior tsunami del 27 de febrero.

El informe del subsecretario del Interior, Rodrigo Ubilla, elevó de 432 a 486 las víctimas confirmadas. Ubilla consignó también que la cantidad de desaparecidos disminuyó de 98 a 79 confirmados hasta ahora.

El sismo arrasó una vasta zona del centro sur del país y dejó daños por unos 29.600 millones de dólares, según el gobierno. A esa cantidad hay que descontar unos 5.000 millones contemplados por seguros. El gobierno está implementando un programa de reconstrucción que costará al fisco unos 10.000 millones de dólares, que serán financiados con el uso de parte de ahorros provenientes de las ventas del cobre, el mayor producto de exportación de Chile, con impuestos y recortes presupuestarios.



Imagen de archivo del disidente cubano Guillermo Fariñas, cuando llevaba pocos días de su huelga de hambre, en su casa en Santa Clara. Mar 4 2010. REUTERS/Desmond Boylan/ARCHIVO

"Decidió poner fin a la huelga tras muchas peticiones de hermanos dentro y fuera de Cuba (...) El comentario (de Raúl Castro) influyó en la decisión de nosotros de insistirle (en que depusiera la huelga)", dijo. Pelegrino y Fariñas emprendieron sus ayunos tras la muerte en febrero del preso político Orlando Zapata después de 85 días de huelga de hambre para reclamar mejores condiciones en las cárceles cubanas.

La muerte de Zapata, las huelgas de hambre y el hostigamiento de marchas pacíficas del grupo disidente Damas de Blanco han sido duramente criticados por Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea. Cuba considera a los disidentes como mercenarios a sueldo de su enemigo Estados Unidos. □

En Cartagena inicia Foro Económico Mundial-América Latina

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) - Con más de medio millar de empresarios de 40 países comenzó el miércoles la quinta reunión anual del Foro Económico Mundial en la versión para América Latina y que se extenderá hasta el 8 de abril.

En la sesión plenaria, realizada en un centro de convenciones de este balneario caribeño a 650 kilómetros al norte de Bogotá, intervinieron el presidente colombiano Alvaro Uribe, como anfitrión de la cita, así como representantes de multinacionales y políticos regionales.

En su breve intervención ante un auditorio repleto de dirigentes empresariales nacionales e internacionales, Uribe describió las ventajas de Colombia como receptor de inversión extranjera, así como sus avances con indicadores económicos tales como una baja inflación, 1,84% acumulada en los últimos 12 meses al cierre de marzo, que aseguró fue la más baja en 55 años en el país.

Sin embargo, el presidente esquivó referirse a indicadores como la tasa de desempleo, que cerró, según cifras oficiales en 12,6% en febrero pasado, o 2,7 millones de desocupados.

Pero Uribe además lanzó una advertencia a su auditorio y sin mencionar a ningún país, pero en una evidente alusión a Venezuela, dijo que el sector privado no podía dejar seducirse por los "nuevos comunismos plebiscitarios".

En Colombia "observamos que en sectores del capitalismo mundial, en sectores de la iniciativa privada en gobiernos y en empresas

hay permisividad con los nuevos comunismos plebiscitarios", dijo el mandatario.

"Muchos países y muchas empresas simplemente quieren ser conniventes y permisivos con esos gobiernos en la equivocada creencia de que esos gobiernos les van a respetar sus derechos, esos gobiernos no se atreven a reconocerse como reproducciones del viejo comunismo, pero eso son. Así no acepten que se les llame de esa manera. El presidente (John F.) Kennedy le dijo a la humanidad que aquel que pretende cabalgar en las ancas de un tigre termina en las fauces del tigre", agregó.

El Foro Económico Mundial (World Economic Forum, WEF en sus siglas en inglés) es una fundación sin fines de lucro creada en los 70 y con sede en Ginebra, conocida por su asamblea anual en Davos, Suiza. En sus encuentros anuales, líderes empresariales y políticos internacionales, así como intelectuales, discuten los distintos asuntos de la agenda mundial. En Cartagena las discusiones, según los organizadores, figuran cinco grandes temas: población, democracia y gobierno; liderazgo de la economía verde; nuevas oportunidades para la cooperación; caminos para la recuperación económica y reducción de la desigualdad en América Latina. La de Cartagena es la quinta reunión anual regional del Foro, cuyas ediciones anteriores fueron celebradas en Río de Janeiro el año pasado, en Cancún, México (2008), Santiago de Chile (2007) y São Paulo, Brasil (2006). □



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